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Title: THERMAL DEVELOPMENT APPARATUS, THERMAL
DEVELOPMENT METHOD AND THERMAL DEVELOPMENT
PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL USED IN THERMAL
DEVELOPMENT APPARATUS

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1. Application- 96 pages, including 3 independent claims and 3 claims total.
2. Drawings- 25 sheets of drawings containing 27 Figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-208438, filed July 17, 2002, 2002-373841, filed December 25, 2002, and 2002-373843, filed December 25, 2002.
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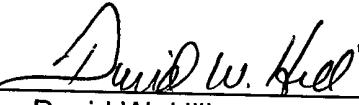
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